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### Pop Warner football

Sierra Vista Parks and Leisure Services is now taking Pop Warner tackle and flag football and cheerleading registrations at the Oscar Yrin Community Center.

Tackle football program is for youths ages 9 - 15. Flag football is for youths ages 5 - 10. Cheerleading is open to youths 6 - 14. Cost is \$75 per individual for tackle and \$45 per individual for the other two.

All players must present and pass a physical exam in order to participate. Physical exam form is attached to the registration form. Competition is expected to begin around Sept. 9. The deadline for registration is Aug. 11.

For more information call 458-7922.

### Tombstone 10K

Take a challenging run through the "Town Too Tough to Die" in the Tombstone 10K, Aug. 13 at 6:30 a.m. Pre register for the run through July 31 for \$12; registration will jump to \$15 after that. There will also be a 2K, which will start at 7 a.m. Fees for the 2K, \$8, \$10 on race day.

Registration forms are available at Eifler Fitness Center and Barnes Field House. For further information, call Steve Reeder at 457-3197 or email or call Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Reed at [reedk1@huachuca-emh1.army.mil](mailto:reedk1@huachuca-emh1.army.mil) or 533-1451.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Bisbee Stair Climb

Register now for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bisbee Stair Climb slated for Oct. 21 at 9 a.m. The five-kilometer race takes you up 1,034 stairs and through 125-year-old historic Bisbee.

After the 5K, participants can opt to participate in the Barco IceMan Competition where competitors carry eight-pound blocks of ice racing up 153 stairs for a cash prize.

Proceeds from the race are used to repair stairs and stairways in the historic district.

Marking the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, several additional events are planned.

Registration is \$15. Registration forms can be requested from Bisbee Stair Climb, P.O. Box 1099, Bisbee, AZ 85603, or visit the group's website [www.bisbeenet.com/2000](http://www.bisbeenet.com/2000).



Photo by Sgt. Cullen James

*It was an early morning Saturday at Irwin Pool as nearly 100 individual and team athletes came out for Fort Huachuca's 2000 Steelhead Triathlon. The race kicked off with laps at 6 a.m., went to the 13-mile bike, and finished with a five kilometer run. See Page B2 for race results.*



# Army’s Burrell leaps to Sydney at T&F trials



Spc. Dawn Burrell takes off on one of her long jumps at the 2000 Olympic Track & Field Trials. She made the U.S. Olympic Team with a jump of 22’10.50”

*By George Banker,  
Special to CFSC Public Affairs*

Sacramento, Calif. — Marion Jones and Jackie Joyner-Kersey may have had the lime-light, but it was Spc. Dawn Burrell who put the U.S. Army on the map at the 2000 Olympic Track and Field Trials in Sacramento, Calif. July 14-23.

Of the 14 Army World Class Athletes who competed at the trials, several maxed their personal bests and came “oh-so-close” to making their Olympics dreams come true. But it was Burrell’s 22’10.50” long jump that sent her to the Summer Games in Sydney, Australia. Marion Jones jumped two inches farther, 23’00.50, to clinch the top team spot, while Shana Williams took third.

“Competing against Marion Jones doesn’t add any pressure for me,” said Burrell. “The only pressure I have is what I put on myself. No one knows what kind of athlete I am. When I earn my medal in Sydney, things will be different.”

Burrell is the sister of world class sprinter Leroy Burrell, a former Olympian and 100-meter world record holder (1990). “The [Army] WCAP has given her the opportunity to make the team. Dawn learned discipline while in the military,” said her brother. “I hope the [WCAP] program stays and grows, and I hope what happened to my sister can happen for others,”

“I’ve been doing long jump since I was 15 years old,” said Burrell, who took first place at the 2000 Penn Relays and the 1999 USA Track & Field Outdoor National Championships and was a consistent top three finisher throughout

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# Fort Huachuca’s 2000 Steelhead Triathlon



**Tucson fireman Steve Foree (left) clinched his third Steelhead in a row Saturday and Angela Cook (right) took the top female spot with a time of 1 hour, 9 minutes, 53 seconds.**

**Race results:**

**Overall winners:**  
Steve Foree, 1:00:56 and Angela Cook, 1:09:53

**First military finishers:**  
Dustin Wernlie, 1:07:57 and Christine Andrews, 1:18:46

<b>Male 11 &amp; under:</b> Ross Foree, 1:30:49	3. Cathrine Dickerson, 1:21:24
<b>Male 14-16</b> Larry Lamak, 1:25:59	<b>Male 40-49</b>
<b>Female 14-16</b> Nichole Foree, 1:31:31	1. Steve Foree, 1:00:56
<b>Male 18-20</b> 1. Dustin Wernlie, 1:07:57	2. Craig Liming, 1:04:58
2. Luke Gers, 1:11:27	3. Dan Wernli, 1:12:26
3. Eric Gremp, 1:26:49	<b>Female 40-49</b>
<b>Female 18-20</b> Jamie Epperson, 1:41:30	1. Tracy Wook, 1:24:16
<b>Male 21-29</b> 1. Brandon Sullivan, 1:03:45	2. Nina Page, 1:43:29
2. Mike Salkowski, 1:04:27	3. Laura Cardinal, 1:44:00
3. Chad Miller, 1:07:43	<b>Male 50 &amp; above</b>
<b>Female 21-29</b> 1. Shannon Kitchens, 1:17:15	1. William Knarr, 1:16:01
2. Christine Andrews, 1:18:46	2. Ralph Portwood, 1:19:03
3. Dawn Lajoie, 1:29:00	3. David Healy, 1:40:42
<b>Male 30-39</b> 1. Billy Oliver, 1:04:51	<b>Female 50 &amp; above</b>
2. Mark Becque, 1:07:32	1. Judy Gillies, 1:27:03
3. Dan Cadriel, 1:08:16	2. Pat Delvecchio, 1:40:11
<b>Female 30-39</b> 1. Angela Cook, 1:09:53	<b>Coed team</b>
2. Rane Stites, 1:15:49	1. Team MandM, 1:03:07
	2. Team Wolfe, 1:08:17
	3. Team Muratore, 1:15:21
	<b>Male team</b>
	1. Team Kroger, 1:03:00
	2. Team Jedi Knights, 1:03:01
	3. Team Holden, 1:20:43
	<b>Female team</b>
	1. Team Evens, 1:49:47
	2. Team Prince, 1:52:02





# Scout Screenroom

*By Sgt. Cullen James  
Scout Staff*

Currently available for rental:

## WHAT PLANET ARE YOU FROM?

**Columbia Tristar (Directed by: Mike Nichols; Starring: Garry Shandling, Annette Bening, John Goodman, Greg Kinnear, Ben Kingsley.)**

**Rated R: Language, nudity and sexual-ity.**

**Family Factor:** Other than the sex, nudity and language, this film still won't appeal to younger audiences. Very much an adult comedy.

Classifying this film seems easy enough at first, but on closer look it's a little more difficult. Easily classified into Sci-fi/Com-

edy, but when you watch it, it's also part romance and part sexual comedy. The only one of any of these classes it really fills is sci-fi, but the comedy can be good at times.

Gary Shandling plays Harry Anderson, an alien from a planet four solar systems away from Earth. Their race is comprised entirely of males who propagate through cloning and have become highly ambitious. Their goal — galactic domination. For reasons never really explained, their new target is Earth. To take over Earth, they decide they must send one of their kind to our planet to seduce and impregnate an Earth woman — again, for unexplained reasons.

Hundreds of the aliens go through training sessions where they're indoctrinated into Earth culture and women. Their concept of



***The aliens underwent an intensive training process which introduced them to the “typical” Earth female.***

# Showings

**TODAY — DINOSAUR** - Live action animated - Set 65 million years ago during the late Cretaceous Period, an Iguanodon named Aladar, is separated from his own species and raised on an island paradise by a clan of Lemurs. When a devastating meteor shower plunges their world into chaos, Aladar and several members of his family escape and join a group of dinosaurs searching for a safe new nesting ground. With water and food in short supply and bloodthirsty predators posing an ever-present danger, the herd faces many life-threatening obstacles during the course of their treacherous trek (Intense images). Rated PG.

**Friday July 28, Sunday July 30 (at 2 p.m.), Monday July 31, Tuesday Aug. 1, and Wednesday Aug. 2 — TITAN A.E. - Animated** - A thousand years from now, Earth is destroyed by an attacking race of aliens known as the Drej. Cale, a human teenager has a map given to him by his father which will lead him to the Titan, a starship which contains the last survivors of the planet. It can also lead them to a

new Earth. However, the Drej are in hot pursuit and want Cale very much dead (Action violence, mild sensuality and brief language). Rated PG.

**Saturday July 29, Sunday July 30 (7 p.m. show) — BIG MAMA’S HOUSE -** Martin Lawrence, Paul Giamatti, Terrence Dashon Howard - FIB agent Malcolm is a master of disguise. There’s nothing he can’t handle. Malcolm’s latest assignment is to trap a bank robber. He sets up a stake-out at the home of a southern matriarch known as Big Mama, who’s about to be visited by the con’s former flame, Sherry and her son (Crude humor including sexual innuendo, language and some violence). Rated PG-13.

— Unless otherwise indicated, all shows start at 7 p.m. Ticket are \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children. Wednesday, Thursday and all matinee shows are 99 cents.

— **NOTICE: Beginning Aug. 14, the Cochise Theatre will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays.**



***Harry Anderson (Garry Shandling) and Graydon (Ben Kingsley) discuss Anderson's recent trip to Earth.***

Earth women is kind of funny, but if you remember the previews you saw most of the funny stuff in them. Eventually, Shandling's character is chosen and is given the pseudonym Harry Anderson (the aliens have numbers, not names). He is to simply travel to Earth and impregnate a woman as quickly as possible.

Anderson is set up as a loan officer at a bank and quickly meets Perry Gordon (Greg Kinnear) an unlikable womanizer, but he helps Anderson find woman. After a few failed attempts, Anderson finally runs across Susan (Annette Bening) at an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.

They hit it off in a somewhat bizarre fashion and eventually get married and consummate Anderson's mission. But, lurking in the background is Roland Jones (John Goodman) an FAA investigator who's trying to find out how Anderson wound up on flights where his name wasn't on any passenger manifest. He comes to believe Anderson's an alien and spends his time trying to prove it.

Anderson becomes torn by new emotions and longings that are growing in him. When his child is born, will he chose his alien home or his new life on Earth? Guess.

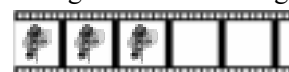
Shandling makes a very believable alien. He's the kind of actor who can convey a lot with his facial expressions alone and that really helps him pull off

the character. Some would call Bening's character formulaic, but she fills the role with such exuberance that it's entirely believable.

My only problem with this movie is that they rely on some pretty cheap humor that doesn't quite hit the mark. It constantly straddles a thin line of adult humor. Occasionally you would expect to see this movie only at late-night Showtime Channel viewings; other times it's pretty tame. I wish the filmmakers had made up their minds. It would have rated a little higher if they had.

Ben Kingsley is great as the unemotional, over-ambitious leader of the alien world. The small snippets of sci-fi we get to see are kind of neat. The problem is, this movie tries to incorporate a lot of things without accomplishing any of them really well. But, it is enjoyable if patently adult.


I give it: Three little green men.



 = Excellent (*Dr. Strangelove ... etc.*)

 = Very Good (*Being John Malkovich*)

 = Average (*Young Frankenstein*)

 = Below Average (*Baby Geniuses*)

Poor (*Hobgoblins*)

## THE NINTH GATE

**Artisan Entertainment (Directed by: Roman Polanski; Starring: Johnny Depp, Frank Langella, Lena Olin, Emmanuelle Seigner, Jack Taylor, Jose Lopez Roderio, James Russo.)**

**Rated R: Some violence, brief nudity and sexuality.**

**Family Factor:** Not that it's too horrific for younger viewers — it's not — but it's definitely too mature.

First of all, director Roman Polanski is one of those guys who occasionally puts out a great movie. Looking at his list of directing credits, it looks like about one a decade. The others, well ... you can take 'em or leave

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***A secret meeting of Satan worshippers. Will they sacrifice anyone? I already told you it's not a horror film.***



Screenroom, from Page B3

‘em.  
This movie falls right in between a great film like “Chinatown,” and a bad film like “Andy Warhol’s Dracula.” Polanski has a knack for adding a certain look and vibe to a film and he does that well. Everything else good about this movie I attribute to the actors and the fact that it’s based on a pretty good book (“El Club Dumas” by Arturo Perez-Reverte).

Secondly, this film was mis-advertised. It was sold as a horror film, but it isn’t. It’s a suspense-thriller and is a pretty good one. However, if you rent it expecting a horror, you’ll be disappointed. In fact, there’s only one part of the film I found spooky and I won’t give it away. I will say though that it’s near the end of the film.

Johnny Depp is magnificent as Dean Corso, a finder and seller of rare books. Corso is loathed by the rest of the rare-book dealing world. Partially because he’s very good at it, and partially because he’s dirty and underhanded at it. Because Corso is so good, he’s garnered a worldwide reputation both for his skills and his underhanded tricks.

Boris Balkan (Frank Langella) hires Corso for a somewhat bizarre mission. Balkan is a collector of rare demonic text. He’s recently come into possession of the rarest satanic book, The Ninth Gate of the Realm of Shadows, of which only three are known to exist. Balkan believes only one of the books is authentic and hires Corso to compare his copy to the other two.

In his comparison quest, Corso is taken from New York to Portugal to Paris. Along the way, he’s visited by a strange girl who exhibits unique abilities and acts as his guardian. She dispenses advice and protection at various times through the film.

As Corso gets closer to the truth, bizarre and dangerous things begin to happen. His one confidant in life is murdered before he leaves New York. Every other owner of The Ninth Gate dies horribly.

Corso must divine the similarities between the books, discover which is real or if they’re all genuine. He also discovers just why these books are so important to Balkan — with the proper symbols and incantations you can raise the Prince of Darkness himself.

This film is a pretty straightforward thriller and the best part is the character of Corso. Depp portrays him brilliantly. Langella is commendable as Balkan (haven’t liked anything Langella has been in since his ’70s era Dracula performances until this). But the coolest character is “the girl,” portrayed by Emmanuelle Seigner. She’s excellent and mysterious.

Overall, a good rent. I give the movie: Three-and-three-quarter grimoires.

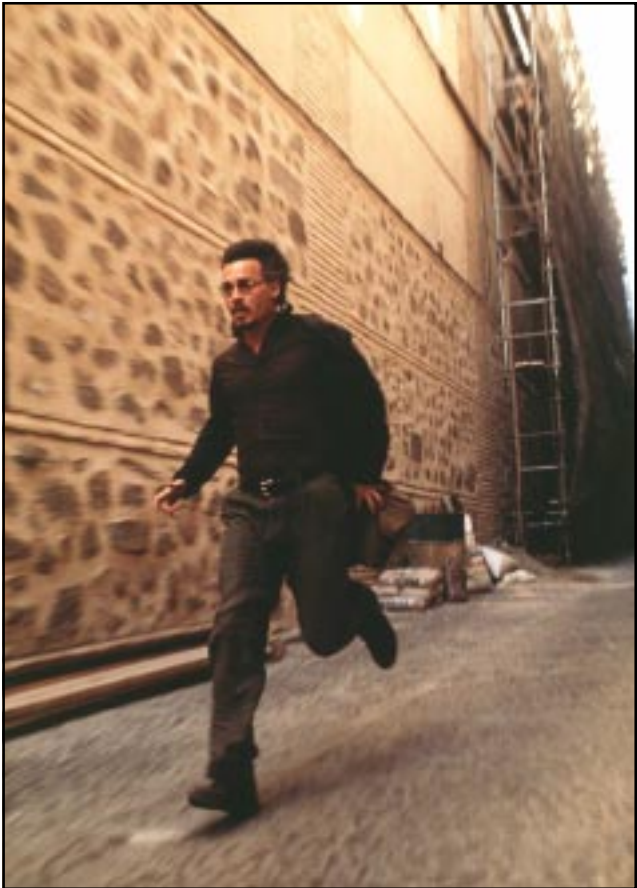
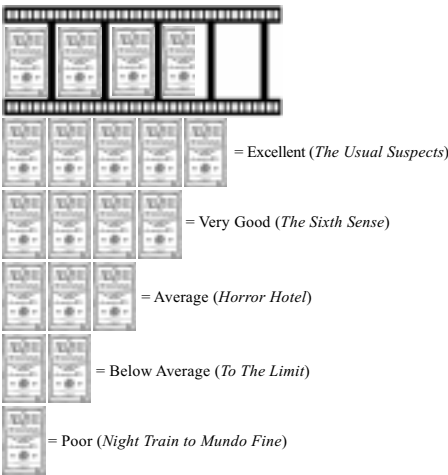


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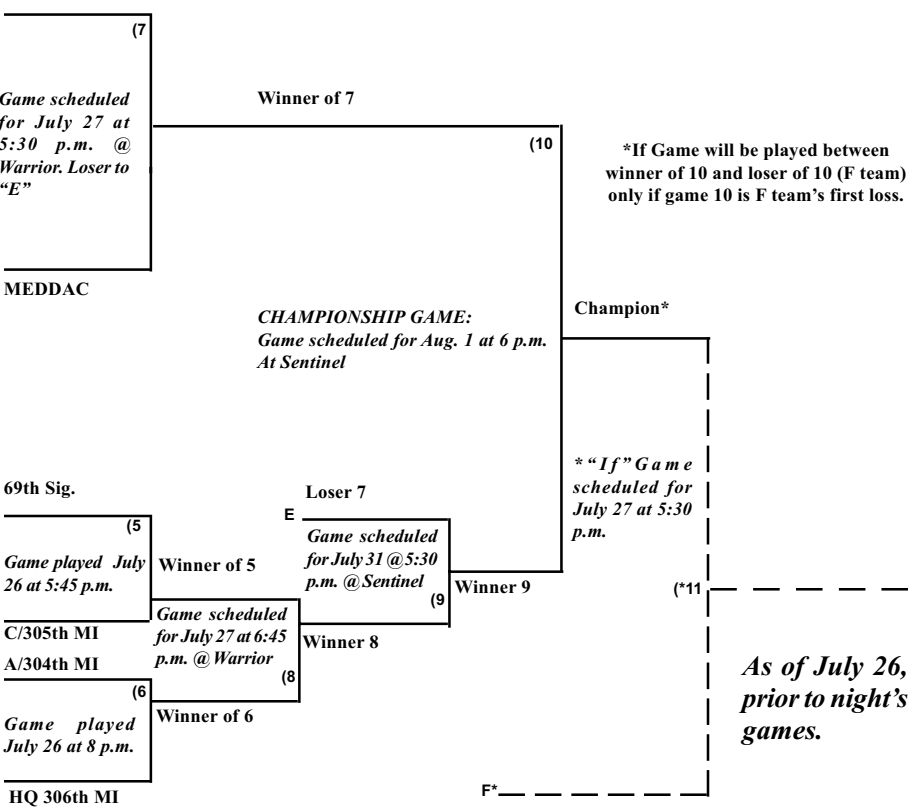
Why is Johnny Depp, as Dean Corso, running? Where is he going? Do you think he looks good with a goatee?

Scout Scoreboard

“A” League Softball standings (as of July 26)

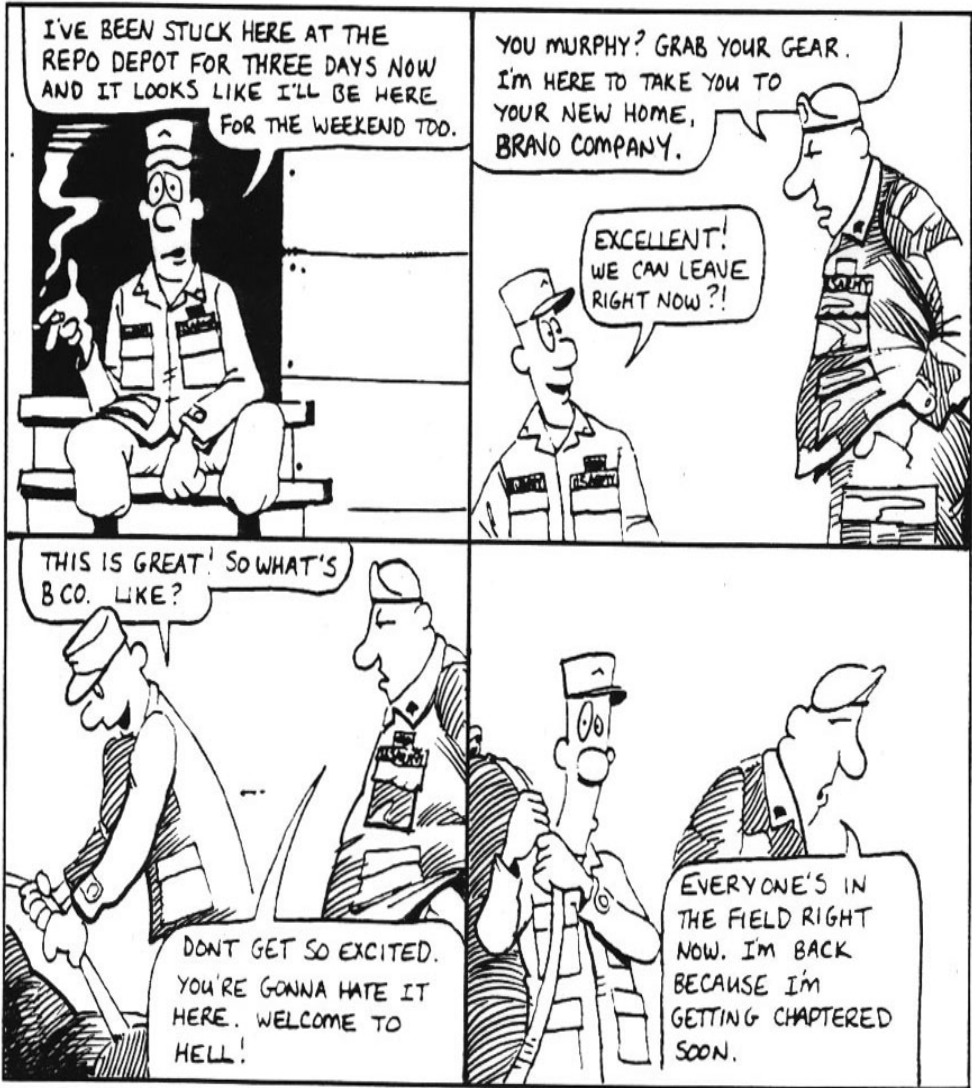
Team	Wins	Losses			
1. C/86th Sig.	11	0	9. A/86th Sig.	6	7
2. HHC, ASC	11	1	10. D/86th Sig.	5	6
3. HHC, 11th Sig.	9	2	11. D/40th Sig.	3	6
4. B/40th Sig.	6	2	12. 314th (AF)	3	7
5. HQ, 40th Sig.	7	3	13. B/86th Sig.	2	6
6. A/40th Sig.	9	5	14. NAMTRA	3	10
7. HHC, 111th MI	7	4	15. USMC2	9	
8. 19th Sig.	5	5	16. 36th AB	2	10
			17. 18th MP Det.	1	9

Current standings: “AA” League Softball Championship




Pvt. Murphy's Law

By Mark Baker



Got sports? Call 533-1987/5551





# In the Spotlight

See your MWR activity highlighted in The Fort Huachuca Scout, call 538-0836.

### Fun Festival 2000

Fort Huachuca's 20th Annual Fun Festival, which is open to the public will be held September 15th through 17th, 2000 at the Special Event Park.

MWR has an exciting lineup of attractions, prizes and entertainment that will be sure to please everyone.

One of the Fun Festival's largest attractions is the popular City of Fun Show Carnival that has rides for all ages and thrill levels. Carnival goers can save \$2 per 10 ticket sheet by purchasing their tickets in advance. Advance carnival ride tickets are \$5 per sheet of ten. The price goes up to \$7 per sheet of ten at the carnival. Co-located with the carnival operation will be the vendor area with arts and crafts and food vendors. Other attractions will be Buffalo Corral Pony Rides, Paintball Contests and the Fort Huachuca Fire Department Smoke House.

The Fun Festival is an excellent fundraising opportunity that attracts spectators by providing a wide range of activities and entertainment. So come and join us in all the fun at the 20th Annual Fun Festival 2000.

All proceeds from the Fort Huachuca Fun Festival go to the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund which supports Fort Huachuca quality of life. Sponsorship does not constitute an endorsement by the United States Army. More info, call 538-1690.

# MWR is seeking;

## FUN Festival 2000

Sept 15 - 17, 2000

### Special Event Park / Sept. 15th-17th

If interested in being an Arts & Crafts Vendor contact: Tina Pait at 538-1690

# ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS for Fort Huachuca's 20th Annual Fun Festival






## Fort Huachuca Morale, Welfare & Recreation Updates

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation is responsible for content appearing on MWR pages in The Fort Huachuca Scout. Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to [germanp@huachuca-emh1.army.mil](mailto:germanp@huachuca-emh1.army.mil).






### Youth Sports Announcements

*Youth Sports requests turn-ins:* Youth Sports requests the return of loaned equipment and uniform items. Coaches, parents and sponsors of youth who have participated in programs and have not returned loaned government items are requested to return equipment and uniform items to Youth Sports. Items should be turned in to the Youth Sports office located inside Barnes Field House (Bldg. 61701), located at the corner of Hatfield and Arizona.

Office hours are 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Tuesdays. For more information or assistance, contact Vickie Bernard at 533-1749 or 533-2541.

*Youth Sports transfers Fall Sports:* Youth Sports will not be offering competitive or noncompetitive sports programs this summer. Registration for Pop Warner cheerleading, flag or tackle football programs and Arizona Youth Soccer have been transferred. Parents or sponsors of youth registrants interested in participating in either sports should contact Sierra Vista Parks and Leisure Sports' Pop Warner at 458-7922 or Huachuca City Pop Warner at 456-1846 or 456-9253 to inquire about registering their child. Soccer registration information may be obtained by calling either Mr. Bill Buttner at 515-0733 or 515-0683 or Mr. Rene Villalva at 452-8814. For more information or assistance, contact Vickie Bernard at 533-1749 or 533-2541.



### Commander's Cup Bowling starts

The Coed Intramural Bowling program will begin on August 23 and end in May of 2001. This is a major Commander's Cup Sport and is open to all units aligned under the Commander's Cup program.

All units interested in participating in this program need to attend one of two Coaches meetings, scheduled for Tuesday, August 8th and Tuesday, August 15th at 11:00am at Desert Lanes Bowling Center. Also a Memorandum of intent is due at the meeting with team Point of Contact and duty phone.


### MWR Box Office sets new hours

Effective August 14, MWR Box Office will have new hours of operation. These hours will be the same as the commissary hours during the week. New hours will be Tuesday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Military Appreciation Night

On Friday, July 28 at 7:30 pm we will be celebrating Military Appreciation Night at Tucson Electric Park. All active and retired military and their families will be admitted for \$2.00 each, with military ID. The Tucson Sidewinders will play the Colorado Springs Sky Sox in their specially designed camouflage uniforms.

The first 1,000 adults, 17 and older, will receive a Diamondbacks Randy Johnson Cap. Also Baxter Bobcat of the Diamondbacks will be performing. For more information call 434-1021.



### Bowlers Needed

We need dedicated bowlers for our Sunday Night Mixed League. Organizational meeting will take place on Sunday, August 27 at 5:30 pm at Desert Lanes. The Schedule starts on Sunday, September 10 at 5:30 pm. This league is an approximate 32 week league which will end in May, 2001. All those interested in bowling should contact Stephanie Berry at 378-6002.

Bowlers are also needed for our Winter Leagues; Mens, Womens, Juniors, Seniors, mixed and Intermural. For further information call 533-2849.

### Rock 300 Party Night

Come check out the new lights and all the excellent changes to Rock 300.

Starting Friday, August 11, Rock and Bowl every Friday, 8:00 pm to 12:00 am and Saturday, 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm at Desert Lanes.

Admission is \$8.00 per person or bring a friend for \$13.00. This covers 4 hours of bowling and your shoes. All spectators can come and watch for \$3.00.

We are also giving away T-shirts and glow in the dark balls. Come and join us for a fun night of bowling and Rock'n Roll music.

### No-Tap Tournament

Come to Desert Lanes every Saturday at 1:00 pm and win money while you bowl. Eight & nine pin no tap with a \$10.00 entry fee. Also Strike-A-Rama Jackpot tickets are 4 for a \$1.00. For more information call 533-2849.



# Fishing Report

By Rory Aikens  
Arizona Game and Fish Dept.  
SOUTHERN WATERS

TUCSON URBAN - The urban lakes were stocked week before last with channel catfish, this was the last stocking for all urban lakes until mid-September.

RIGGS FLAT - Is stocked with rainbow trout and the weather is cool. Due to high pH, Riggs is not scheduled to be re-



stocked until early August. Check with the Forest Service, Safford Ranger District, for camping and fire restrictions at (520) 428-4150. Best baits are chicken liver, shrimp, hot dogs, or prepared catfish stink bait. Anglers are reporting very slow fishing, but are still catching catfish and sunfish. Buy a two-pole stamp and try different baits to double your chances. Those anglers showing patience are taking home fish.

CLUFF RANCH - Slow for warm water species, although some crappie and bass are being caught. For lake information call (520) 485-9430.

ROPER LAKE - Slow for bass, and catfish. For largemouth bass try fishing jigs along the breaks and outside edges of the cattails. Good for sunfish; use worms in shady areas. For lake information call (520) 428-6760.

DANKWORTH POND - Poor for all species. For lake information call (520) 428-6760.

ARIVACA - Water quality has improved, but the oxygen level is not stable. The lake is experiencing some fish kills. Surveys show

good numbers of small bass, but almost no fish exceeding 12 inches. No other fish stockings are planned until September or October when water quality stabilizes. Due to elevated mercury readings in the warm water species, (bass, sunfish and catfish) it is recommended that these fish not be eaten until further notice. Catch and release should be practiced.

PENA BLANCA - The boat ramp has been closed due to flooding which undercut the road. It is unknown when repairs will be made. Fishing is fair to good for bass, best fishing at night. Recent surveys show a healthy bass population with good numbers of fish in the 15 to 18-inch range. Use artificial worms in rocky areas where the aquatic vegetation is less dense for largemouth bass. The weeds have been cut, so fishing access has improved. Due to elevated mercury readings in the warm water species (bass, sunfish, crappie and catfish), it is recommended that these fish not be eaten until further notice. Catch-and-release should be practiced. For lake information call (520) 281-2296.

PATAGONIA - Fishing is fair to good for warm water species; bass, sunfish and catfish. Best fishing is early morning, late

evening and at night. Recent surveys show excellent populations of bass and sunfish. Try artificial crayfish or worms close to the shore at breaks in the cattails. Try worms in shady areas for large bluegill and redear sunfish. Crappie fishing is fair. Channel catfish are biting on worms, hotdogs or stink bait. For lake information call (520) 287-6063.

PARKER CANYON - Fishing is fair for warm water species (bass, catfish and sunfish). Try artificial worms or night crawlers. Lots of small northern pike in the 12 to 15 inch range are being caught. Try flies, corn, worms, and Power Bait, crankbaits and spinner baits. The limit is six northern pike. Anglers are encouraged to try to catch this illegally introduced species. The water level is rising, boat launching is not a problem. For lake information call (520) 455-5847.

PICACHO RESERVOIR - Due to extremely low water conditions Picacho Reservoir has experienced a fish kill.

ROSE CANYON LAKE - Has been stocked with rainbow trout. Trout fishing has been poor. Is not scheduled to be restocked until early August. For lake and camping information call (520) 749-8700.

## T&F Trials, from Page B2



800-meter racer Amy Ross-Schroer (an Army Reservist second lieutenant) didn't quite make the cutoff, finishing fifth with a time of 2:01.01.

the year. While attending the University of Houston, Burrell was an NCAA All-American.

"I know I've been blessed with a talent and I should be the best I can be. The WCAP has allowed me to be independent; it has made a difference," said the Pennsylvania native. I was an athlete before the military. You can serve your country and athletics at the same time."

Spc. Dan Steele proved his mettle as a warrior, battling for two days through the 10 events in the decathlon. On day

two, having fought his way through the 100-meter dash, long jump, shot put, high jump, the 400 meters, discus, javelin, pole vault, and 110-meter hurdles, Steele was in third place going into the final event, the 1,500 meter run. The top three finishers would be headed for Sydney.

"It was full of drama. I was 'on pace'; I was ready and physically fit," said Steele, describing the event. "I needed to get myself about 15 to 20 seconds advantage. One lap into it, I was burning. I stayed with my plan; I gave it everything. When I went down to get more, nothing was there."

Steele's time of 4:40.44 was more than 28 seconds off the leader, Kip Janvrin, a veteran of 68 decathlons. His fifth place finish gave Steele a final score of 7,890 points.

"I feel bad that I didn't make the team. This has been a great experience, and I appreciate that I was a major player," said Steele, obviously disappointed. At 31, he isn't sure he'll get another chance. "The WCAP ... has fulfilled every need," he added. "I can't say enough good things about the program. I doubt if I would still be competing I didn't have WCAP," he said.

For Capt. Jerry Ingalls, the door to Sydney isn't completely shut yet. His final hammer throw of 230'4" had him in



Spc. Dan Steele finished fifth in the decathlon trials. He was in third place going into the final event — the 1,500 meter run — but couldn't pull up enough "oomph" to stay ahead. He finished the run in 4:40.44, more than 28 seconds off the leader, Kip Janvrin.

third place out of 22 competitors. "When I saw no one had thrown that far, I was thankful. I was happy."

But the victory was short-lived. The next thrower, Jud Logan, surpassed Ingalls' mark, dropping him to fourth place as first alternate. As neither Ingalls nor Logan have thrown the distance required by the Olympic "A" standard, both athletes still have the opportunity to do so by Sept. 11. If Ingalls measures up, he could still make the team.

Originally from Hartford, Conn., Ingalls took time out to train with the 82nd Airborne and go through Ranger School. "I'm a captain in the U.S. Army first, and

that's where my pride is," said Ingalls. "Other runners ask me about the military and what it's like to jump out of an airplane."

Army Reservist 2nd Lt. Amy Ross-Schroer has her feet firmly planted on the ground when she isn't running the 800 meters. Currently a student on an Army scholarship at Georgetown Medical School, Ross-Schroer started running when she was 10 years old. "I dreamed of being in the Olympics. I ran in high school and [as an undergraduate] at Georgetown University," she said.

In the backstretch of the 800-meter finals, Ross-Schroer was in fourth place. The lead pack went through the first 400 meters in 58.93 seconds, setting a blistering pace under an equally blistering California sun that raised track temperatures to 110 degrees. The WCAP runner was caught behind the pack in an all-out sprint to the finish, unable to get around the runners in front of her.

"I wanted to stay on the outside, but I got boxed in just behind Clark and I let them get too much of gap on me," she said. She finished fifth, with a time of 2:01.01, a new personal best, but not enough to qualify.

Burrell joins three other Army athletes who already qualified for the 2000 U.S. Olympic team: boxer Staff Sgt. Olanda Anderson, wrestler Sgt. Keith Sieracki, and modern pentathlete Spc. Chad Senior.

(Harriet Rice contributed to this story. For biographies, images, and stories about WCAP Olympians and alternates, visit the Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation web site at [www.armymwr.com](http://www.armymwr.com). Click on the "Soldiers in Sydney" icon.)